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In the application of )  
Strobel et al. ) Art Unit: 2183  
on METHOD FOR MAKING DIE ) Examiner: Henry Tsai  
BOARDS AND MATERIALS AND )  
APPARATUS FOR PRACTICING THE )  
METHOD )  
Serial No.: 09/558,575 / )  
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: